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PRODUCTION OF ANTIMONY, LEAD,  
 ZINC TO BE INCREASED

BUJANOVAC ANTIMONY MINE TO EXPAND -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 60, 10 Mar 50

After the liberation, antimony mines were opened east of the Drina River near Krupnje, and in the southeastern part of Serbia near Bujanovac, which is close to Vranje. A large molybdenum ore mine is being opened in Mackatica. The area of the Bujanovac mine is 60 square kilometers, but the mine itself is only third in production of antimony in Yugoslavia. However, the ore of the Bujanovac mine contains more antimony than the other mines. Large investments are planned for the mine this year. A 15-kilometer ropeway, connecting all five mine areas, will be constructed soon. Previously, the ore was shipped 40 kilometers to the nearest railroad station.

In the near future the ore will have to be shipped only 6 kilometers to the railroad. However, later on only antimony ore concentrate, and not the ore, will be shipped, because flotation installations will be built at the mine this year for separating antimony ore. From 32 tons of ore, one ton of concentrate will be obtained.

The miners of the Bujanovac mine surpassed the 1949 plan by 19 percent. This year a power line will be constructed between the power plant at Mackatica and Bujanovac.

The Zajaca antimony mine in the Drina River ore basin has contributed greatly to Yugoslavia's production of antimony. The Zajaca mine is expected to produce 63 percent more ore in 1950 than in 1949 and twice as much as in 1948.

TREPCA MINE GETS NEW INSTALLATIONS -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 61, 11 Mar 50

The Trepca lead and zinc mine in Serbia in 1949 expanded its smelting installation in Zvecan. It also installed six new furnaces. At present the mine is constructing a large iron smelter, in which two huge furnaces will be installed. This year a new refinery and flotation installation also will be erected.

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The facilities of the mine itself are being expanded. Almost 500 meters below the surface, a new level is being opened, where high-grade ore with a large percentage of lead and zinc can be dug. Not far from the main mine, a new mine at Mazici will be opened in 1950. The new smelter, which will begin operation in the fourth quarter 1950, will help increase the production of crude lead by 38 percent. The 1950 plan for the entire mine is one fifth greater than the 1949 plan.

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